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## A NEW SUMMER TRIP—TO THE YUKON

Previous to 1913 Canadian and American tourists always felt that their Summer Vacation was incomplete without crossing the Atlantic without "doing the Continent". Since the outbreak of the Great War and the consequent hardship and danger incurred by ocean-going travellers — new summer trips have been discovered by the pleasure seekers of this continent, and one of these that has become quite popular and bids fair to continue so is the trip to the "Land of the Midnight Sun."

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The writer had the good fortune to enjoy the trip outlined, last summer starting from Vancouver. We boarded the trim little C.P.R. steamship Princess Sophia on the evening of Saturday, May 27th and although the season was just beginning we found a passenger list of some eighty persons—nearly all bound for the Yukon. Steaming out of Vancouver through the strait one is probably confused in attempting to pick out in the great electric displays on every side—the towns which one remembers from glancing over maps Westminster, Namaino Comox and others. While inside the bounds of Vancouver Island the passage is quiet—the ocean like a big sheet of glass and Sunday morning we almost decided that it was too quiet in this Inside Passage, we began to hope for a little of the "dip and dive" motion which you naturally expect in an ocean going steamship. On Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock entering Queen Charlotte Sound few passengers were to be seen gaily sauntering round the promenade deck of the Sophia. Bill and myself displayed great seamanship until well on towards 4 p.m. and then Bill quietly suggested that we better "rest a little". Bill's siest a resolved itself in an all night's seclusion—no friendly knock on stateroom no. 55 was received with any sociable-come in,—and the beauty of Queen Charlotte failed to create a vestige of joy in Bill's troubled anatomy.

However, Monday proved a glorious day—everyone forgot the little prank of Queen Charlotte Sound and indulged

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## GERMANY'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

By Dr. John F. Coar, Head of German Dept.

History records no more convincing evidence of the efficacy of systematic education than the economic development of the German people during the past generation. I started to say economic 'progress', but bethought myself in time. For, in the true sense of the word, Germany has not progressed. What was fine and noble in the German people has been bottled-up most effectively by the German system of education. We can only hope—but the hope is a faint one—that the present war will so jar the bottle that the energy compressed within will burst its constricting envelope.

Frankly, I have no patience with those who profess to be fighting Prussianism and the autocratic principle, and who confess themselves admirers of so-called German efficiency—particularly along educational lines. All I am willing to admit is this: if systematic education can revolutionize not only the economic status of a people but also its ethical character in little more than a single generation, what may not systematic education achieve affirmatively if it is in line with a people's noblest aspiration! It should never be in our thought, not for a single moment, to imitate Germany's educational methods. It should be in our thought—now and hereafter—how to make our educational system serve those fine aspirations which the war is disclosing as the driving power of the Canadian people. What education ought to proclaim as its settled purpose is the ultimate realization of our democratic ideal in terms of actual life—in our social political, and economic progress.

Somewhat over a century ago, during the dark days of the Napoleonic oppression, Prussia had the glorious opportunity of adopting a system of education that would have freed the spirit of the German people. More catholic and more specific ideas of humanity have seldom been put forward than were those proclaimed in the last decades of the eighteenth century by German thinkers and poets, and it was one of these, Wilhelm von Humboldt, to whom the King of Prussia, early in the nineteenth century intrusted the portfolio of the ministry of education. We have but to cast a cursory glance over his proposals for the reform of public education to appreciate the purpose of this liberty-loving soul. It was nothing less than to so systematize the education of the people at large that the essential humanity of each individual would be put in touch with the realities of life, nurture itself through these realities, as the body is nurtured by food, transform them into new and finer realities in accord with its individual requirements, and yet also, through the coordinating force of systematized activity, expand in sympathetic accord with the neutral requirements of all individuals. So plain was this purpose writ on his memoranda, that Prussian autocracy foresaw its doom were they sanctioned, and of Humboldt's proposals only those were permitted to go into effect which applied to the Universities of Prussia. Here they resulted in that truly liberal attitude toward all the problems of life for which we have admired the universities of Germany. But in the other departments of public education, from Kindergarten to secondary school, no really important reforms were effected until later in the century, and when they were, they ran counter to the spirit and purpose of Humboldt's suggestions. The German system of public education, as I knew it in 1885 and as I had occasion to study it once more in 1912, had as its chief purpose the disciplining of German youths in accordance with the autocratic theory. That is to say, boys and girls, young men

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## WOMEN'S ATHLETICS.

The last of the league games in Basket Ball was played on Thursday 'gainst the noted Strathcona Highs. Notwithstanding the fact that the Varsity girls scored by various degrees in the preceding games with McDougal, Alberta College and Victoria they scarcely dared expect another victory.

For those few not present at the game the rousing cheers accorded the Varsity Girls when the score of 17-5 was announced would go to prove that they had missed one of the chief events of the year.

The beam of satisfaction on the face of their coach who has piloted them along on all occasions sent the girls home rejoicing. Three cheers for Mr. Race!

To further prove the interest, girls take in sports, let us follow them on their trip to Camrose on Tuesday last. Miss Misener and Mr. Race "Glad in the freedom of school let out," helped make up the row of happy joy seekers sitting round the edge of the Camrose dray shortly after their arrival. The dray man delivered them safely at the Normal. Here the girls were delightfully entertained by students and instructors.

The Basket-Ball game was called for 7.30. Our girls had some difficulty in holding their own against the "Husky new school ma'ms." Sufficient to say the girls returned next day thoroughly tired out, but as of yore, the score 20-19 in favor of Varsity.

What can be said for the Girls Hockey? Not very much, as the weather has either been too warm, or too cold. We are hoping for a short brisk hockey season, and that the girls will give the captain of the team a little more encouragement by seeing a bigger line up on the rink Mondays and Fridays.

## ROBERTSON COLLEGE.

The sixth theological session of Robertson has now entered upon its eleventh hour — a fact of which we are reminded by the posting of the tentative examination time table. However, if forgetful of this, any student has been frittering away the golden hours in luxurious sloth, let him not lose heart for there is yet space for repentance.

We have had a quiet but pleasant session and, on the whole, things have gone smoothly. The Executive Committee has proved equal to every emergency and the prophecy made by us at the end of last session has been abundantly fulfilled. Although the sea has sometimes been stormy and the rocks have

## MEN'S ATHLETICS.

With this issue we come to the end of a perfect day as regards the Gateway and a summary of athletic activities is demanded of us by ye ed. Before we proceed to this task we wish to apologise to each and every member of the basket-ball team for what appeared in this column last week. Owing to a typographical error what should have been "teams" was made to read "team," which put it up to the basket-ball men in a very direct and personal manner. Although we firmly cling to our statement that none of our teams this year are of exactly senior calibre, the basket-ball aggregation come very close to it and with their splendid record of some ten or twelve wins to two defeats we would be the last to underrate them.

During the season which is now drawing to a close we have successfully conducted basket-ball and hockey teams as well as a flourishing House Basket-Ball league in which six teams are entered and which is as yet undecided. The basket-ball quintette as noted have won a large majority of their games and cleaned up the Intercollegiate League in easy fashion. The hockey team have been less successful, but at least the game has been kept from dying out among us and some very promising material has been developed.

The Rifle Club have had a very successful season and in addition to providing the members with much pleasant recreation have developed some excellent marksmen. In their match shoots they have displayed fine form. We are unable to go into any great detail, but would remind you that at the Athletic Banquet on Thursday evening a complete report of the year's activities will be presented.

appeared dangerously near, Kerr has skilfully piloted the ship to its desired haven.

Having undergone its initial baptism of fire, the Supply Committee has had a fairly easy time. Its chief trouble was the allocation of the fields, the supply coming in so abundantly and without seeking, that each student had all the supply that he wanted and more.

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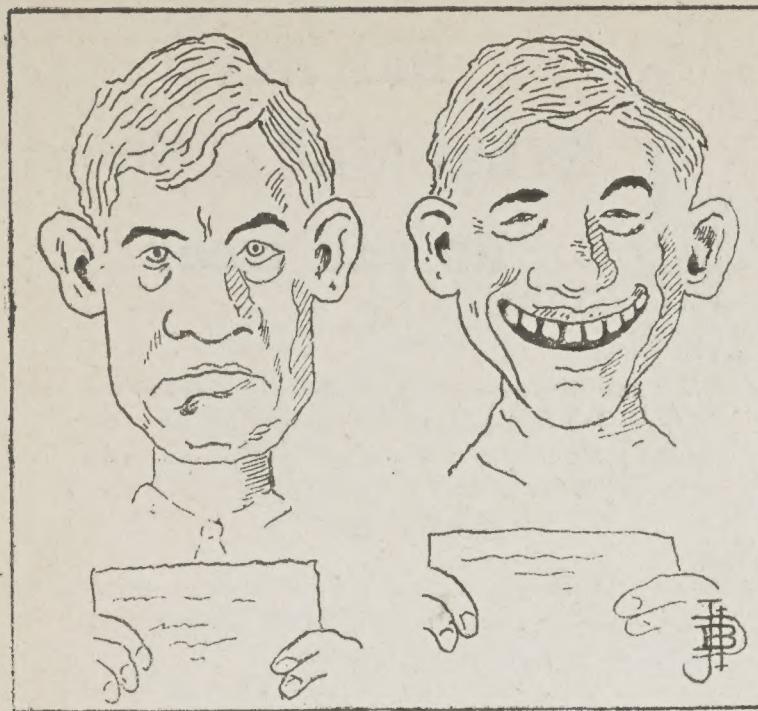
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**Student of Agriculture.**

As a food for thought the Gateway is a well balanced ration combining a large amount of dry matter with a fair amount of concentrates and fat producers (as laughs). The mineral matter is somewhat scarce as Clarence's humorisms require a grain of salt, however it is living material and yet has produced little heat, although rich in digestible nutrients.

**Student of Medicine.**

It is an anhydrous organ, composed largely of cellulose, mucilage, and a carboniferous compound, suffering from thermesthesia and thalassophobia. The publication of which is myel-analotic and its circulation narcoleptic. The linotypist is addicted to paragammacism and paralexia, while the contributors give positive signs and symptoms of paralogia.

**Student of Architecture**

From the artistic viewpoint I see little in the present form of the Gateway to praise. But as a student of the "Mother of Art", I

regard it as the foundation — never beautiful in itself, yet essential to the artistic and useful superstructure that is to rise upon it. I therefore live in anticipation of the time when, war clouds dispersed, and our institution having come to its own, the university organ shall come forth, artistic in form, and dignified as regards subject matters thus indicating the source of culture from which it comes.

**Arts Student.**

At the beginning of the session the publication of the Gateway seemed impossible and perhaps unwise. However, it has been published, thanks to the untiring zeal and energy of its staff. That it has been justified we have prima facie evidence in the rush on the Post Office every Tuesday. The judgment of a representative body of students is almost infallible.

**Member C.O.T.C.**

The weekly parade of the magazine has always meant a welcome issue. The strategical information in the Gatewail always received attention but I am sure that more reconnaissance reports along the Line of Communications to the Gateway from the rank and file would have been appreciated. The various Company advts. have called attention and these firms deserve our support in extended order. I am glad to see that you have carried on the News Letter Service to the boys overseas and regret that the orders of Interior Economy have called a halt to the Gateway.

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The close of Year is fast approaching, at least if the number of days off which certain members of the 3rd year are taking, is any criterion.

The censor got offended last week and refused to publish any more of those explosive mixtures which appeared some weeks ago.

Evidently it is a long lane which has no medical students.

V-A-N-G-O, has gone to Calgary for 3 days with the painted lady. (San Toy).

Y-n-g has been making mid-day visits to the vicinity of the Wauneita rooms—we wonder why — surely this weather is too cold for miss-quitos.

"Smiling Percy" and "The Bantam" have at last met their "Waterloo". Percy's smile and Billie's wit were of no avail when it came to obtaining a certain History at the Royal Alex.

**Moral.**—The early birds catch the worms (Histories).

"Veralea, veralea, I say am not contemplating matrimony— as announced in a recent issue— at least not just now."

—A first year Med.

Ananias the industrious we are sorry to hear is about to ascend upwards.

**Student Elections.** Earlier for benefit of those enlisting. Nominations—Mar. 3 Voting — March 14th.

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## EDITORIAL.

Few students at Varsity to-day are doing anything as an equivalent of the effort of our soldiers at the front. We might be patriots, but we are not martyrs. We are not sacrificing anything as the soldier at the front is. Has the student asked himself the question: What shall it profit you if we lose this war? The slogan today for those who stay at home is, "Give until it hurts." The value of the News Letter is known to all students, and it is necessary that it continues to be sent forward weekly during the summer. Every one of these letters need a three-cent stamp and add to that the price of paper and envelopes and then there is a fairly large weekly expense. Neither the Editor nor any of his staff, not even the office boy, receive a single cent for their effort. Be patriots and dig up the shekels for this worthy cause; you might be there yourself before the war is over and you will then welcome the U. of A. news. It's up to us to finance the News Letter, so be good and kind to the canvassers.

This is the last, weekly issue of Vol. VII., with it goes the third supplement of the year—a picture of the U. of A. Det. 11 Field Ambulance. The fourth-year students will publish, as per custom, a Graduation number about April 17th.

A word of Review. That we have continued the student paper this session under adverse conditions is due largely to the efforts of Messrs R. K. Colter and S. B. Smith at the opening of the session. Mr. Alec Belcher took the helm as Editor-in-chief and piloted the paper successfully through the first term of the session. To his policy is due in a large measure the co-operation the Gateway has given to the Soldiers Comfort Club in its overseas work. This term the editor-ship has fallen upon a sophomore who has endeavored to do his bit towards carrying on the policy already laid down. The financial part has absorbed the untiring energy of the Business Manager who has been assisted by an able staff. The various Department Editors have been very faithful in submitting copy throughout the session. Special mention might well be made of the Editor of Athletics Dept. who never failed us. But it is a matter of regret that more use was not made of the columns by the students for letters of interest. Again this year it is noticeable that University and official news is given to the city papers and the students paper overlooked. This should not happen so frequently—if it is the fault of the Gateway it might be overcome by appointing to the staff next year Reporters from the various years. While upon the subject, we might suggest that a larger staff would lighten the load for each and that one member could be selected weekly as Local Editor; and a cartoonist might also be added as promising talent is in evidence. The Alumni have not been active in the usual manner this session, their numbers, depleted by enlistment are however giving hearty assistance to patriotic work including support to the Comfort Club. The Alumni hope to resume their column in the Gateway after the war, when it is hoped the student paper will gain their larger support. In conclusion "as live weekly" has been our motto.

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### GERMANY'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

(Continued from Page 1) and young women were trained to look to some external authority instead of being trained to discover their highest authority in themselves. When Bismarck brought about the artificial unity of the German states, the autocratic state and nation became the authority to the requirements of which German youths were trained to submit. German autocracy soon meant Germany's complete independence of, and logically its dominance over, international right. Today we are face to face with the tragic consequences, and not the least of these is the complete perversion of the sturdy character which Humboldt's reforms achieved in higher education. For it was inevitable that youths trained in the manner indicated could not, in the long run, provide a body of University student inspired by the passion of Humboldt, Fichte, Schiller, Goethe, Kant or Lessing. It was equally inevitable that the new generation of university professors, drawn as it had to be, from 'disciplined' body of young scholars, should project into higher education the fallacy of the autocratic principle, even though continuing to preserve the forms of democracy.

In my indictment of the educational system of Germany — for I intend this paper as an indictment — I am not inclined to stop here. Of the many charges that might be brought and proved, space permits the mention only of one. When autocratic education bottled-up the real aspirations of the German people, there was left for its tender supervision—only the mental and the physical abilities of its victims. Germans educators were not so stupid as to suppose that an educational system can endure without taking cognisance of the ego, or in complete disregard of selfish motives. Democracy is itself a kind of altruistic egoism and autocracy, too has to reckon with the fact that human beings are individuals. Since, however, the appeal to nobler self was incompatible with the end sought, the appeal was made to that self which demands material well-being. Throughout Germany, for the last twenty years, emphasis has, therefore, been laid on the economic benefits to be derived by the student from education. Continuation schools, trade schools, industrial school, and every kind of school from the lowest to the highest grades have multiplied with amazing rapidity. The old passion for truth — a rather indefinite passion, I admit—is no longer the actuating motive of German students and scholars. Theirs is the passion of which they fondly ac-

cuse Americans, the passion — not for Dollars — but for Marks, for quarters and dimes. The passion to make fifteen bushels of wheat grow where five had been raised; to breed one hundred pigs on resources formally demanded by twenty-five; to mine with profit a two inch vein of low grade coal—not because wastefulness and ineptitude are sins against the wellbeing of mankind, but because economy and aptitude spell greater returns to the individual. For, whatever be the economic benefits (and they are unquestioned) of this industrialized or commercialized activity for the German people at large, the German artisan, farmer, tradesman, etc., is never concerned with that. In that he has not interest — for that is the concern of the Government, which has become the self-created conscience of the people, the only substitute which it has for its untutored or rather betutored ethical impulses.

What we can learn of Germany is: not to do likewise. She has proved the potency of education even when misdirected. It remains for us to prove its even greater potency when properly directed. Between the 'humanities' and science there need be no friction, between both and the practical needs of life there need be no barrier. Life is a unity and education should point the way to its realization. I am confident that the educational leadership in Canada has the passion and the ability to solve this great problem and through its solution to fulfill Bryant's prophesy of the New World:

Thine eyes with every coming hour,  
Shall brighten, and thy form shall tower,  
And when thy sisters, elder-born,  
Would brand thy name with words of scorn  
Before thine eyes,  
Upon their lips the taunt shall die.

John F. Coar.

The Exchange Editor acknowledges with thanks these college magazines many of which are more like war magazines:— King College Record, St. John's College, Queens Journal, The Mitre, Vox Wesleyana, The Sheaf, Anonymous, The Varsity, McMaster Monthly, Westminster Review, Univ. of N. B. Magazine, and McGill Daily.

The Resident Student's play, The Two Per Century has won this year's competition on the score of originality. An amusing play by A. L. Caldwell, it depicted life about Varsity 1950 in which many non-residents received notoriety.

## A NEW SUMMER TRIP

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in all manner of deck games, deck quoits, shuffle board and towards evening a concert below and a dance above. The landscape at this point is one of peaceful little woodsy islands, north, south, east and west, to the east merging into the solid shore line and to the west opening out, showing us passing glimpses of the big ocean. On Monday we could detect various large icebergs floating off to the West and on two of these we got wonderful spectrum effects. We almost forgot to mention our faithful consort, the gulls—white one, grey ones, and always moving and defying your best efforts with your little Kodak to photograph them, and just when you decided it couldn't be done, a wise old gull would perch for a moment until you shouldered your camera again and then decide to move along.

At the many fishing stations at which the Sophia called to unload supplies we saw the famous Indian Totem poles, great high pillars of wood wonderfully carved into representations of bird and beast never seen on land or sea. Conspicuous in the designs is the frog, the gull, and something part human, part bird and part frog. In some of the totems we were shown doors leading into mysterious chambers within, out of which our swarthy guide would draw with great solemnity a human bone or some ancient Indian weapon. The totem and its contents are supposed to have had a religious significance to the Coast and Yukon Indian. We spent a few hours in Juneau, which was all decked out in Stars and Stripes—it being Decoration Day. We made a short call at Treadwell, where we saw the big new stamp mills recently installed, and also a short stop at Douglas.

We arrived in Skagway early Wednesday morning, May 31st, and it was with considerable regret that we stepped off the little Sophia and shook hands with some of our fellow passengers who were taking the return trip to Vancouver, Rupert and other points. Then we got aboard the little train that was to pull us away up over the White Pass summit and down into White Horse. The journey up to the summit was of necessity slow, but certainly not monotonous you could look out of the window at any moment, away to the base of the mountain on whose surface your little train seemed to be clinging in mid air, and there you saw traces of that romantic old trail the Trail of the '98. Then your eyes travelled up the other side of the canyon to your own level, and there across the

abyss is a train which seems to be travelling in a direction opposite to that in which you are going and it requires several minutes for the fact to dawn on you, that you see the rear coaches of your own train.

At the summit (Bennet) you hear the call "everybody out for twenty minute lunch"—you file into a little red restaurant, present your ticket (purchased at Skagway for the normal sum of six bits) and seated at a long table enjoy a sumptuous repast which in our case ended in blueberry pie and coffee. The trip down from the summit to White Horse is made in better time, about half the way being along Lake Bennet which was a real boon to the old Yukoners in the early days when they were able to pack their outfit on a little boat and enjoy a breathing spell down to the foot of the lake. Along here we met trains of ore coming from White Horse and readily surmised that White Horse is the centre of considerable mining activity.

When we arrived in White Horse in the evening of May 31st we found a small town overcrowded with people who were patiently waiting for the ice to clear on the Yukon River and Lake Laberge, so that the boats might begin their first voyage of the season. On the wharf was piled up innumerable crates of supplies for the brave people who had stayed in the north through the long winter—everything from Borden's Jersey Cream to Ford automobiles was waiting to be transported down the Yukon to points farther north. Well, we waited four days in White Horse, but the time did not drag at all. We spent two days visiting mines in the vicinity—Copper King, Grafter, Best Chance, and Pablo. Another day we walked to the famous Miles Canyon and White Horse rapids from which the town derived its name and in whose turbulent waters so many of the eager ninety-eighters lost their all and many of them their lives. On June 3rd the citizens celebrated their May 24th holiday, (its postponement being due to unfavorable weather). Baseball teams from many of the surrounding towns competed in the annual tournament—the honors going to the Juneau stalwarts. A very interesting contest was that of rock drilling for the miners of the district. A huge granite slab mounted on a flat car received very severe handling—the contest was won by Nick O'Brien, champion of the Yukon, who drilled with the aid of a partner twenty eight inches into the granite in ten minutes, winning the very sensible prize of one hundred and fifty dollars. On

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## Military.

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The Company has lost two of its officers, Mr. A. E. Cameron, who had command of No. 1 Platoon, and Captain Killam, our adjudant, both of whom have

been drilling with the company since its organization. Mr. Cameron is now in the East, doing munition work. Captain Killam leaves us to take command of the reinforcing draft. I am sure that everyone joins in wishing him every possible success. Sjt. F. I. Woodworth, has left the University.

There is space only to mention the generosity of headquarters. They have issued rifles, belts, bayonets and ammunition. We have also been privileged to have three lectures from Major Howland, the G.S.O., on 'the Theory of Warfare,' and some physical drill with Sjt.-Instructor Bill.

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## A NEW SUMMER TRIP

(Continued from page 6)

Tuesday, June 6th, we boarded the river steamer White Horse, a good sized craft of the stern-wheel type. We found ourselves in the morning only about one hundred yards from the point of embarking—a very desperate sand bar having held us up over night. During that afternoon we passed through the famous Five Finger Rapids, where the White Horse with her big barge heavily loaded with provisions and machinery slipped through nosing both sides of the passage and travelling at a high rate of speed. From the Five Fingers on to Lake Laberge the Yukon does a good many phenomenal contortion acts—often we thought the pilot had nodded and was heading us into a blind passage, but presently you discovered a passage out quite close and parallel to the one by which you entered.

At Lake Laberge we had some real fun; the SS. White Horse again refused to plough her way through the muddy ooze of Lake Laberge so there we sat eight hours working the "kangaroo" stunt. Great long poles were lowered into the mud at the front

of the boat and then they put on full steam ahead in the hope that she might lift herself bodily. We succeeded in a measure but our progress was hastened by arrival of the Vidette—a river boat used on the Stewart running into Dawson. The Vidette took charge of our big barge, and the White Horse soon made deep water. . . . .

We feel satisfied that if any of our readers are tempted to shake off the odium of the term "Tenderfoot," and explore the mysteries of the land of Midnight Sun, they will be repaid not only by the privilege of joining the order of the "Sour-doughs" but with a satisfaction that only those who experience can understand.

JAMcL

## Y.W.C.A.

The Y.W.C.A. wish to express their sincerest gratitude to the Faculty wives who gave the ten cent tea in its behalf. On behalf of the executive of the Y.W.C.A. I may say that we are indeed grateful to you for your sympathy and co-operation and in this case for your material help.

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## NEWS LETTER STAFF



Front Row Seated—Miss E. Mathers, Miss McDonald. Middle Row Seated—Miss L. McLeod, Miss E. Hamilton, Prof. Edwards, Miss J. Stuart, Miss C. Armstrong, Miss F. Dillow. Back Row standing—Miss L. Cobb, Miss H. De Silva, Miss Tuttle, Miss H. Edwards, Miss Mary Lackey, Mrs C. Watson, Miss G. Thomson.

## SERVICE NEWS LETTER

from

SOLDIERS' COMFORT CLUB  
No. 47 Feb. 23, 1917.

Edited by W. Muir Edwards.

The mailing arrangements of the News Letter have gone along so smoothly this winter that I really never realized before how many were contributing to its issue. It is therefore a great pleasure to be able to present them to you in the above group, which contains the members of the addressing committee, the members of the wrapping and mailing committee, and Miss Dillow who I think is entitled to be termed Associate Editor. They have done most faithful work and shown in a very real way their appreciation of the work you are doing for Country and for them. The News Letter appears for the last time in the Gateway. At least let us hope it is its last appearance and that when the time for another issue of the University paper comes around you will all be back to take part in its production and so will not need the letter service. The News Letter will now return to the more exclusive envelope form and will of necessity change somewhat in its composition. Mr. Gordon has most kindly consented to write a summary of current events as they appeal more especially to a westerner; I trust we shall have a "Knitters News" department with some of the "flowers and fluff" which Mr. Markle speaks of and we will also endeavor to keep you posted as to the personal items of the overseas men. In the

Gateway the News Letter was itself a part of a bigger letter and we felt that its function was more distinctly to look after the overseas news and to arrange perhaps for a personal contribution from different members of the staff. In the succeeding number however it will endeavor to devote more space to domestic affairs.

I have received a chatty letter this week from Corp. P. Galbraith of the Pats. He left Hillingdon House about the middle of November and has been at the Command Depot ever since. He mentions that Jessie James, Reg. Henry, Fred Perraton and Austin Beck are all in the flying corps but although I know these men had applied I am not so certain as to their actuality being accepted as yet. Austin Beck is an observer but I have no definite news of the others. Letters for Galbraith should be sent to Miss Morris, 34 Bedford Place, Russell Square, London. In a letter received from Dr. Boyle he speaks of being extremely busy but very much interested in his work. I noticed a reference in a speech recently in England as to the great scientific assistance that the admiralty were receiving in their coping with the submarine menace. I regret to say that information to hand would appear to indicate that Corp. Red Logan of the 50th had been killed in action. No word at all has been heard of him since the big action in which the battalion was terribly cut to pieces, only forty men



Lieut. F. C. Dickins (Arts' 17) Corp. E. Heywood (Arts' 18)  
194th O.B., C.E.F. 143rd O.B., C.E.F.

the advent of spring. The clear Alberta sunshine which I am sure you all pine for is in full evidence. With talks of student elections, O.T.C. post test and prefinal dance, athletic dinner and other signs of the coming of summer there is a stirring and restlessness in the air that portends the finishing up of the session of 1916-17.

The devil (the printer's one, you know, but in a case such as this he might well assume full rights) informs me that there is still a gaping void to fill on the page for which I am responsible. So here are a few bits culled from a screed entitled "Letter-wail" said to be written by one who was at the taking of the News Letter group. It is hardly necessary for me to point out that I have not censored it as I might. "This isn't anything, girls, to the time I had getting mine taken this time last year. I was over six times and even then he said they didn't represent his real ideal of me.—Say Bob! What is that you've got in there? A captured Turk and his outfit? — H. E. Does not stand for High Explosive, she's standing on a chair. — O Jessie, look at the bunch of pretty girls with one man, getting their picture taken. Do you think he's at the Pan this week?

I asked Dr. Gordon for a letter for this page for this week and he asked permission to express his thoughts in the following form—(Editor).

Really this place is not the same,  
'Tis changed in everything but  
name,  
And growing so demure and  
tame

That there's no fun  
Since you lads went to join the  
game  
And strafe the Hun.

How long will it be till we see  
Galbraith and Dexter, bold and  
free,  
Bainbridges, Henry, Loptson B.  
And big MacLanders,  
And all of you who've crossed  
the sea  
To muddy Flanders.

Well, of whatever style you be,  
A crown, crossed batons, stripes—say three,  
Or swanking in the R.F.C.  
Or in the ranks,  
Or hidden deep in mystery  
Of armoured tanks;

Whatever job you may be set,  
At Ypres or at Courclette,  
To bomb, to snipe, to stand the  
For weary hours,  
wet

We're far too proud e'er to  
forget  
That you are ours.

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